

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554



Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing as the Executive Director of the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce in Buffalo, New York to express our support for the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks into New Charter. On behalf of our Board of Directors, we believe New Charter would provide our chamber members with better products at lower rates than what is currently offered in our market. The merger would also offer our smaller members the opportunity to partner with a large national corporation.

As a Chamber of Commerce, we serve as the premier resource for local business in the Cheektowaga and nearby communities. We recognize that our members represent diverse industries and have unique priorities; however, we also understand that some issues are of interest to our business community as a whole. Cable broadband is a service used by all of our members, and though they each may have special product needs, they all would agree that high-quality products at low rates is a priority.

New Charter would provide our membership with a range of options for their broadband needs. Companies would be able to choose from options beginning at 60 Mbps all the way up to the ultra-high-speed 300 Mbps. The 60 Mbps is already a service offered by Charter, and it would retain its current affordable rate, one that is among the lowest in the industry despite being the fastest basement speed available. This would be a significant product for many of our small business members. Cable broadband should never be the reason a small business is unable to stay afloat, but unfortunately it can contribute to high operating costs that lead innovative companies out of business. New Charter's affordability would quickly reveal its benefits to entrepreneurs in our region and across the country.

We support New Charter because we believe it will benefit businesses in our community and regions like ours across the country. We hope you will consider the great potential of New Charter and join us in backing the merger.

Sincerely,

Kristina Groff
Executive Director
Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce